









by Dr. Mary Livers

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Hello, Everyone:

Yea! No more air travel this week! But I did have a little road trip to visit the Lafayette Community-Based Services Field Office. I enjoyed seeing the staff there. It's always good to see officers hard at work in their areas. The Lafayette office has a huge training room, and while we were there, they were using it for PPCT training for the PPOs.

While we were in Acadiana, Deputy Assistant Secretary Carolyn Lewis, Regional Manager Susan Miller and I were invited by Judge Robert Segura to the Juvenile Detention Center in St. Martinville to look at the programming at the facility. We were very impressed with the educational program and the dedication of the staff. We were accompanied on the tour by Judge Segura and St. Martin Parish Sheriff Ronald Theriot. We explored ideas on how to provide more treatment for youth in their communities. Some of the St. Martinville Juvenile Detention Center staff will soon visit Jetson to see the La MOD process in practice. It was quite an enjoyable day, and I appreciate both the invitation and the hospitality. It was time well spent.

This week I also had the opportunity to visit Jetson to observe the leadership team as they were conducting their own CQIS review. I am very happy to see the teamwork and the desire on all their parts to improve the operation at Jetson. My thanks to Director Daron Brown for the invitation.

Every Friday I usually have more to say than can fit in a column but this week I'm just out of fuel. The gas tank is dry. I'm running on fumes. The bucket is empty. The well is dry. And I haven't been in any scrapes this week - except for the slight scrape on the bumper of my car, but that's a whole nother story.

So I'm going to sign off and leave you with a piece of advice: always drink upstream from the herd. And stay away from the salmonella eggs.

I'll sign off now with my thanks to each of you in every office and facility, for all you do every day to meet the mission.

Sincerely,

"Doc"

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